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MORE CONSUMER GOODS PROMISED:
SUBSTITUTE ELECTROLYTE FOUND

BUCHAREST WORKERS PLEDGE 1949 PLAN FULFILLMENT -- Scantela, No 1313, 30 Dec 48

The Rumanian Workers Party, the leading and mobilizing force of the working class, has obtained pledges from workers of many factories in Bucharest that the 1949 Economic Plan will be at least fulfilled and probably surpassed. Among the factories whose workers have promised the success of this plan are: 23 August, Republica, Metallo-Chemical Union (secretary, Comrade Marin Grigore), DMS-Vulcan (Vulcan State Metallurgical Plant), NFB (Bucharest New Cotton-Spinning Mill) (pledged 9,000 kilograms of cotton thread per month above the 1948 production), Dinamo, Metallo-Globus (pledged 10 percent above plan for 1949), Flacara Rosie (pledged increased production and better quality of clothing), and various wearing-apparel factories, including Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej, Dacia, Drapul Rosu, Filasur Mechanical Weaving Mill, National Tannery, Viscofil, Albion, Flora, Imbracaminte (Clothing) Cooperative, etc.

PROMISES 350,000 PAIRS OF FOOTWEAR -- Libertatea, No 1330, 19 Jan 49

The director of the Uzine Chimice Romane (Rumanian Chemical Plants) has promised to fulfill the quota of 350,000 pairs of footwear assigned to his factory for 1949. The products will include galoshes, overshoes, rubbers, boots, slippers, and athletic shoes. In addition to footwear, the factory will produce rubber belting, raincoats, and protective clothing for workers. Almost 50 percent of the products will be made from natural rubber. The Soviet Union has sent large shipments of rubber to Rumania.

SUBSTITUTE FOUND FOR POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE ELECTROLYTE -- Viata Sindicala, No 407, 8 Jan 49

Ion Marin and Ion Gheorghe of the refinery in Campina have produced a solution which can replace potassium hydroxide for use as an electrolyte in ferro-nickel batteries. This new solution costs only 25 lei per liter, compared with 1,668 lei per liter for potassium hydroxide solution, which had to be imported.

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